

CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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**LETTER DATED 21 AUGUST 2009 FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF PAKISTAN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING PAKISTAN'S
POSITION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF
WORK (CD/1864) FOR THE 2009 SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE**

I have the honour to enclose a paper titled "Pakistan's position on implementation of the Programme of Work (CD/1864) for the 2009 Session of the Conference on Disarmament". I request you to kindly issue the paper as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

(Signed): Zamir AKRAM
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
of Pakistan to the
Conference on Disarmament

**Pakistan's Position on
Draft Decision on the Implementation of Programme of Work (CD/1864) for the 2009
session of the Conference on Disarmament**

The Conference on Disarmament,

Recalling the adoption, on 29 May 2009, of the draft decision for the establishment of a Programme of Work for the 2009 session¹;

Without prejudice to the Conference's decisions on programmes of work to be adopted annually in accordance with the Rules of Procedure (Article VIII);

Agrees on the following as regards the implementation of the 2009 Programme of Work:

- a. the conduct of work and decision-making, including on adoption of reports, under the Conference Working Groups and Special Coordinators for the 2009 session will comply with the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, particularly paragraph 18 thereof;
- b. principle of rotation and equitable geographic representation will apply to officer bearers under (a) above;
- c. principle of equal and balanced allocation of time for four core issues; and
- d. the Conference will ensure, without any discrimination, equal treatment and priority to all agenda items of the Conference, particularly the four core issues to achieve balanced progress in terms of substantive outcomes consistent with the principle of equal and undiminished security for all states; and

Decides the following:

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1. Ambassador Dian Triansyah Djani of Indonesia is appointed as Chairman of the Working Group under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", according to paragraph 1 of decision CD/1864;
2. Ambassador Jürg Streuli of Switzerland is appointed as Chairman of the Working Group under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", according to paragraph 2 of decision CD/1864;

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3. Ambassador Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares of Brazil is appointed as Chairman of the Working Group under agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space", according to paragraph 3 of decision CD/1864;
4. Ambassador Mykola Maimeskul of Ukraine is appointed as Chairman of the Working Group under agenda item 4 entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons", according to paragraph 4 of decision CD/1864;
5. Ambassador Chitsaka Chipaziwa of Zimbabwe is appointed as Special Coordinator under agenda item 5 entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons", according to paragraph 5 of decision CD/1864;
6. Ambassador Mabel Gómez Olivier of Mexico is appointed as Special Coordinator under agenda item 6 entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament", according to paragraph 6 of decision CD/1864;
7. Ambassador Hannu Himanen of Finland is appointed as Special Coordinator under agenda item 7 entitled "Transparency in armaments" according to paragraph 7 of decision CD/1864.

B. Draft schedule of activities from 10 to 28 August 2009

PRESIDENT: AUSTRALIA

WEEK 19

	MONDAY 10 AUG	TUESDAY 11 AUG	WEDNESDAY 12 AUG	THURSDAY 13 AUG	FRIDAY 14 AUG
10.00 - 13.00		Plenary Meeting ^{*/}	Regional Groups Meetings	Plenary Meeting	SC # 6
15.00 - 18.00	WG # 1	WG # 2	SC # 5	WG # 3	WG # 4

WEEK 20

	MONDAY 17 AUG	TUESDAY 18 AUG	WEDNESDAY 19 AUG	THURSDAY 20 AUG	FRIDAY 21 AUG
10.00 - 13.00		Plenary Meeting ^{*/}	Regional Groups Meetings	Plenary Meeting	
15.00 - 18.00	WG # 1	WG # 2	SC # 7	WG # 3	WG # 4

PRESIDENT: AUSTRIA**WEEK 21**

	MONDAY 24 AUG	TUESDAY 25 AUG	WEDNESDAY 26 AUG	THURSDAY 27 AUG	FRIDAY 28 AUG
10.00 - 13.00		Plenary Meeting ^{*/}	Regional Groups Meetings	Plenary Meeting	
15.00 - 18.00	WG # 1	WG # 2	SC # 5-6-7 ^{**/}	WG # 3	WG # 4

^{*/} When appropriate.

^{**/} The meetings of the Special Coordinators on agenda items 5,6 and 7 will be held one after another with equal allocation of time.

Complementary Presidential Statement
Reflecting an Understanding of the Conference on Disarmament on the Implementation of
Programme of Work (CD/1864) for the 2009 session of the Conference

I have pleasure in submitting document CD/18XX, a draft decision on the implementation of CD/1864 for the remaining part of 2009 session of the Conference on Disarmament.

The appointment of the Working Group Chairs and Special Coordinators and the draft schedule of meetings are for the 2009 Conference session. The schedule of activities reflects the importance attached by Conference members to agenda items of the Conference, particularly the four core issues. Consultations with a wide range of delegations have shown strong support for commencement of substantive work.

The Conference recognises the principle of equal and undiminished security for all states and the overriding importance of national security interests and security compulsions of all Member States. The Member States will take part in the Conference's work in conditions of full equality as independent States in accordance with the principle of sovereign equality enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Rules of Procedure. Their interests will be protected *inter alia* by ensuring *that* the conduct of work and decision-making, including on adoption of reports, under the CD's Working Groups and Special Coordinators for the 2009 session will comply with the CD Rules of Procedure, particularly paragraph 18, which provides that the Conference shall conduct its work and adopt its decisions by consensus.
